

Dedication Program

for the

59 MILES

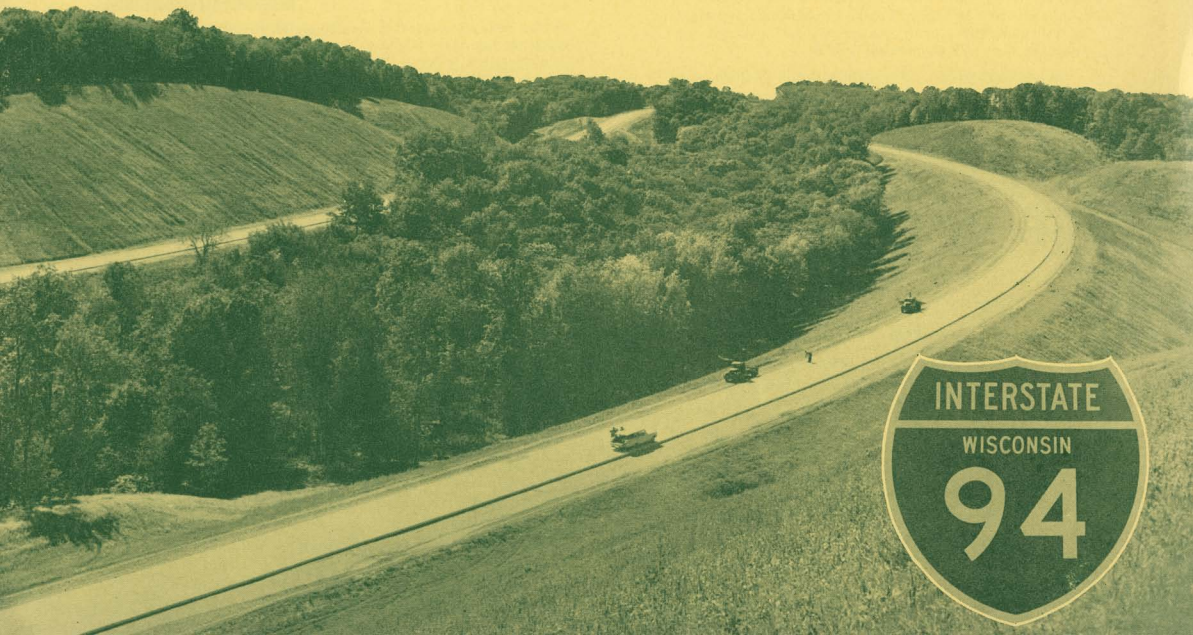
of

WISCONSIN'S INTERSTATE ROUTE 94

in

ST. CROIX, DUNN AND EAU CLAIRE COUNTIES

October 29, 1959



A Message from the State Highway Commission

All classes and systems of Wisconsin's nearly 100,000 miles of highways are of primary importance in the movement of people and goods.

Today we are dedicating the largest single segment of four-lane highway to be completed at one time in the history of this great state. This 59 miles of modern road will mean much to the citizens of this area and to the entire state for it will improve every phase of our standard of living. This new facility will make travel in this important region much safer, more convenient, and pleasant for passenger cars and commercial vehicles.

While we devote our attention today to dedicating this modern and impressive freeway to the motorists who will use it let us keep in mind that it is but one of many road systems in this area and that it is our policy in Wisconsin to maintain ALL of our highways to the highest possible standards.

We appreciate the cooperation of the citizens of Wisconsin in developing projects such as this and we are pleased to join with you today in observing this historic event.

Harold L. Plummer, Chairman

Harvey Grasse, Vice Chairman

G. H. Bakke, Secretary

Greetings from Governor Nelson



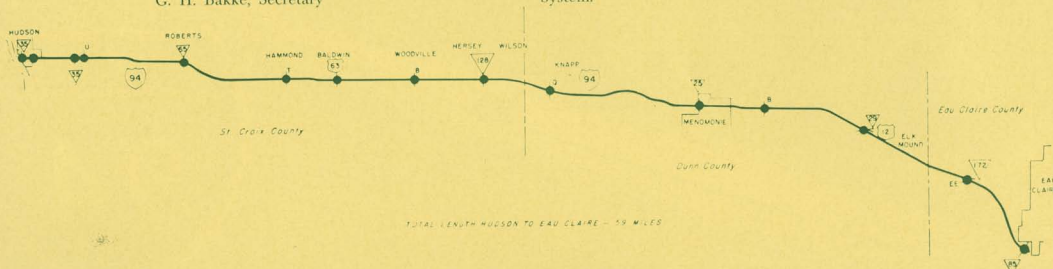
The dedication of this functional and beautiful segment of Wisconsin's Interstate Highway System here today clearly illustrates how cooperation between the people of the various units of government can bring about civic progress.

I am especially happy to be able to participate in this historic event since this 59 miles of highway—from Eau Claire to Hudson—represents the longest single section of the Interstate Route to be opened at one time in the history of Wisconsin and as far as we are able to determine it is the longest single section to be dedicated in the entire United States.

The officials at the state level found county, township and city and village officials genuinely eager to lend their valuable efforts in planning and building this efficient and safe section of highway.

As Governor of Wisconsin I am pleased to note that this cooperation, combined with the foresight and high standards of the citizens of this area, has resulted in providing Wisconsin motorists as well as visitors with the best transportation facility available.

It is a pleasure for me to be with you today to take part in dedicating this important 59 miles of Wisconsin's Modern Highway System.



THE NATIONAL SYSTEM OF INTERSTATE AND DEFENSE HIGHWAYS . . .

. . . a 41,000-mile national network of four-lane roads . . . Wisconsin portion, 452 miles . . . enabling legislation passed by Congress in 1956 . . . work began in Wisconsin that year . . . groundbreaking ceremonies for Hudson-Eau Claire portion held in Menomonie September 21, 1957 . . . total mileage dedicated today—Hudson to Eau Claire—59 miles . . . total mileage opened for traffic today, Hudson to Menomonie, 41 miles . . . approximate total cost of 59 miles—\$29,400,000—about \$500,000 per mile . . . 90 per cent of this cost is provided by federal aid, the other 10 per cent by Wisconsin . . . the average daily traffic count on present Highway 12 at the bridge in Hudson, 7,650 vehicles per day—at Menomonie at east city limits 5,890 vehicles per day—at east city limits of Eau Claire 8,290 vehicles per day . . . present Highway 12 will remain in place as a state trunk highway and will be maintained the year around for local traffic use . . . work on present Highway 12 between Hudson and Eau Claire was begun in 1929 . . . on Interstate Route 94 between Hudson and Eau Claire 11,721,875 cubic yards of earth were moved in the grading process . . . 1,089,545 cubic yards of sand and gravel were used to construct the 9-inch subbase course . . . nearly 2,000,000 tons of sand and gravel were used to form the 6-inch base course and 1,657,194 square yards of Portland cement concrete were used to form the 9-inch surface on the 4-lane road . . . for the shoulders and approaches on the 13 interchanges between Hudson and Eau Claire 181,740 tons of bituminous material were used . . . the average width of right of way—300 feet . . . the average number of acres of land required for a rural mile of the 4-lane facility, 36 to 40 . . . the number of parcels of property acquired for the highway between Hudson and Eau Claire, 330 . . . total approximate cost of property acquired for right of way, \$1,229,000 . . . original grading on three portions of the road between Hudson and Eau Claire involved the moving of 187,074 cubic yards of solid rock . . . Interstate Route 94 between Hudson and Menomonie will be officially opened for traffic on October 29 at 2 p. m. . . . Wisconsin's portion of Interstate Route 94 connects with Minnesota's Route 94 at Minneapolis-St. Paul, and it continues westward to Billings, Montana . . . the eastern terminus of Route 94 through Madison, Milwaukee and Chicago is just north of Detroit.

Program

PREVIEW — WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1959

5:30 to 6:00 P. M., WEAU-TV, Eau Claire

6:30 P. M., Reception and Dinner

JEATRAN'S CLUB, MEMONOMIE

Sponsored by

Menomonie Chamber of Commerce

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1959

7:30 a. m. Breakfast, Hudson Elks Club

Sponsored by

Hudson Chamber of Commerce

9:00 a. m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies, Junction of County Trunk Highway "U" and Interstate Route 94
H. L. Plummer, Chairman, State Highway Commission, Madison, Master of Ceremonies

- Selections by the Hudson High School Band
- Invocation
- Introduction of Guests by Mr. Plummer
- Introduction of Wisconsin's Gov. Gaylord A. Nelson
- Introduction of Minnesota's Governor Orville Freeman
- Governors Nelson and Freeman cut ribbon
- Photos of Ribbon Cutting

10:00 a. m. Cavalcade forms and moves eastward on the new road

- Cavalcade stops for ceremonies at interchanges near Roberts, Hammond, Baldwin, Woodville, Hersey-Wilson, Knapp, Menomonie, Rusk and Elk Mound
- Ceremonies at Eau Claire marking the eastern terminus of the dedication, sponsored by the Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce
- Reception and Luncheon at the Hotel Eau Claire, sponsored by the Wisconsin Road Builders Association

Attendance at the Wednesday Night Dinner, the Thursday Breakfast and Luncheon by Invitation

THE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Eau Claire
Ken Esslinger
A. E. Blunt
C. E. Torgeson
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Floyd Davis

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Jack Maloney
George Madsen

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Edd M. Hunt
George Schillinger

Woodville
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Henry Schieve
Perry Peabody
Baldwin
Lloyd R. Helgeson
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Menomonie
Leland M. Score
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Larry Richardson

Peter Jeantran
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Earl G. Skagen
(St. Croix Co.)
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LaMonte Jacobs
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Leonard Meyer
Wilson
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THE CONTRACTORS

A. R. Coffeen Co., Decorah, Iowa
R. C. Hinman, Glenwood City
Wausau Construction Co., Wausau
Alexander Construction Co., Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.
Johnson Construction Co., Grove City, Minn.
Lawrence Gerke, Merrill
Tri-State Construction Co., Inc., Alma
Peterson and Kluck, Medford
P. C. Kaiser Construction, Inc., Portage
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Nelson Construction Co., Black River Falls
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Arthur Overgaard Co., Elroy
Chicago and North Western Railroad
Fletcher Construction Co., Inc., Menomonie
Universal Engineering Co., Eau Claire
Baumgardt Construction Co., Dodgeville
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Koch Construction Co., Milwaukee
Raemisch Construction Co., Middleton
McLean-Astleford Co., Minneapolis, Minn.
Peter Nelson and Son, Inc., and Tri-State Erection Co., La Crosse
Wonn and Martin, Cobb
Lee H. Parker Construction, Inc., Appleton
H. H. Mass Construction Co., Algonquin, Ill.
Green Acres Turf Nursery, West Allis
National Advertising Co., Bedford Park, Ill.
Chain-Link Fence Corp., Chicago, Ill.

E. E. HOEBEL, Executive Secy., Wis. Road Builders Assn.

H. A. BALSLEY, Field Engineer, Wis. Road Builders Assn.

Station WEAU - TV, Eau Claire

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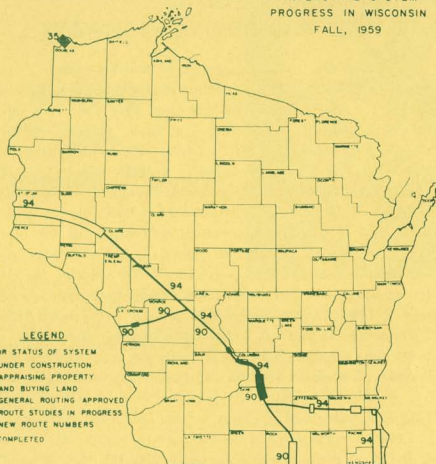
E. R. HOLM, District Engineer

H. J. ROCHE, Madison

RICHARD McGUIRE, Milwaukee

CLIFF HUTCHINSON, Madison

INTERSTATE SYSTEM
PROGRESS IN WISCONSIN
FALL, 1959



OFFICIAL ROUTE NUMBERING FOR THE NATIONAL SYSTEM OF
INTERSTATE AND DEFENSE HIGHWAYS

AS ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
HIGHWAY ENGINEERS

